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Dear Mr. Mugdan and Ms. Plevin-

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Please confirm and advise.

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Dear Mr. Walter Mugdan and Ms. Lisa Plevin-

Jeff Tittel, cc-ed, recommended we alert you to the nonresponse from EPA and NJ DEP officials to our longstanding and prolonged complaints involving noxious odors emitted during the EPA's cleanup of the Passaic River (please see email below).

Full Disclosure: we're filmmakers investigating this urgent matter.

We need confirmation that no further air emissions will be released from these dangerous site Cleanups.

Please confirm receipt and advise asap.

Thank you for your assistance,
-Marylou & Jerome Bongiorno

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Subject: URGENT: Air Pollution in Newark Update

Dear Mr. Michael Hoppe, Director Ed Choromanski, and All-

As Newark filmmakers who reported and researched the noxious odors at our home from April 19 - July 11, 2012, we urge you to cease all operations dealing with the cleanup of toxic chemicals related to the Passaic River because of the irresponsible and unsafe nature of your methods.

To update you since our last contact and per our ongoing research with experts:

Since 7.11.12, we have not detected the aforementioned chronic chemical plastic odor that we reported to the DEP since April and confirmed with EPA and DEP representatives and meteorological data.

Since this coincides with the end of the EPA's dredging and dewatering of contaminated sludge from the Passaic River adjacent to the Diamond Alkali Superfund site (the "Cleanup"), and per our conversations with the EPA and DEP, it's apparent that the EPA's Cleanup caused our odor problem and that the principle chemical we were smelling is chorobenzene, a carcinogen.

Exposure to aforementioned and other highly toxic chemicals, made airborne during the Cleanup, caused us a great deal of stress, threaten our health, and significantly decreased our quality of life by severely and seriously "interfer[ing] with the enjoyment of life or property" which is our right, per NJ law.

We also expended countless hours of work in tracking the odor to its source due to the DEP's irresponsible withholding of information about the probable source and lack of access to its inspectors.

We need the following addressed immediately:

1. Per Mr. Hoppe's recommendation: EPA Health Risk Assessment Team to meet with us to review the hazards of our past exposure including whether produce from home gardens is safe for consumption.
2. A detailed plan to completely trap all emissions before any future Cleanup - including the Lyndhurst site and any Newark-based dewatering - can be considered.
3. Plan to police all Newark air, 24/7. According to your own representatives, serious air violations are not being reported, monitored, or corrected.

Please confirm receipt and advise.

Thanks for your assistance,
-Marylou & Jerome Bongiorno

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